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SUBJECT MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS IN HANOI

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1. SUMMARY. [redacted] THERE ARE FIVE ACTIVE UNDERGROUND POWER STATIONS SERVICING HANOI WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE CITY AND IN THE SUBURBS. THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY. ALSO, MAJOR INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN MOVED OUTSIDE THE CITY, WHILE SMALL CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTER OF THE CITY. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED REGARDING THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF SOVIET GOODS FROM THE USSR THROUGH CHINA TO NORTH VIETNAM WHEREBY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES CONTROL AT THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER.

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2. [redacted] THERE ARE FIVE ACTIVE UNDERGROUND POWER STATIONS SERVICING HANOI, THREE OF WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND THE OTHER TWO ON THE OUTSKIRTS. [redacted] ONE OF THE POWER STATIONS IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE INDIAN CONSULATE GENERAL ON LE THAN KIET. IT IS DESCRIBED AS A

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RELATIVELY SMALL SOLID CONCRETE BUILDING WITH MANY ELECTRIC CABLES EMANATING FROM IT AND WITH THE WORKS LOCATED UNDERGROUND. THERE IS A LARGE POWER PLANT UNDERNEATH THE MAIN POWER STATION WHICH APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED. THERE HAS BEEN NO RATIONING OF ELECTRICITY. AUTHORITIES HAVE URGED ALL RESIDENTS INCLUDING THE FOREIGN COMMUNITY TO CUT DOWN ON THE USE OF AIR CONDITIONERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES. HOWEVER, NO EFFORT HAS BEEN EXERTED TO ENFORCE THIS EDICT AND THE PLEAS HAVE BEEN DISREGARDED BY RESIDENTS. APART FROM THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THE 19 AND 20 MAY BOMBINGS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SHORTAGE OF WATER IN HANOI.

3. DURING THE AIR RAIDS, THE WELL TRAINED POPULACE RESPOND TO THE AIR RAID ALARMS BY GOING TO THE AIR RAID SHELTERS QUICKLY IN A DISCIPLINED FASHION. A FEW REMAIN OUTSIDE BUT STILL IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHELTERS IN CASE OF AN ACTUAL RAID.

4. THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELOCATED IN AREAS WITHIN AN EIGHT TO SIXTY KILOMETER RADIUS AROUND HANOI. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN SOME ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY OR ACTIVITY REMAIN IN TOWN. ALL SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND ARE NOW OPERATING IN SMALL GROUPS DISPERSED OUTSIDE OF HANOI. THE PEOPLE ARE NOT SENT TO ANY SPECIFIC RELOCATION SPOTS, BUT RATHER SEEK REFUGE WHEREVER THEY CAN. NO ONE LIVING OUTSIDE OF HANOI IS PERMITTED TO REFUSE SHELTER TO THEM. MANY WHO ARE SENT OUT OF HANOI RETURN, BUT THEY ARE SENT BACK ON BUSES. THERE ARE MANY SOVIET BUSES IN EVIDENCE BOTH IN HANOI AND IN THE ENVIRONS. THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE FROM 0400 TO 0600 HOURS IN THE MORNING AND AFTER 1900 HOURS IN THE EVENING. MANY SMALL CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN PURPOSELY TRANSFERRED TO THE CENTER OF HANOI IN ORDER TO AVOID THE BOMBING. MAJOR INDUSTRIES

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HAVE BEEN RELOCATED OUTSIDE OF HANOI BUT ACTUAL LOCATIONS ARE UNKNOWN. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IS STILL LOCATED IN HANOI.

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5. [redacted] THE SOVIETS WANTED TO CONTROL THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF SOVIET GOODS FROM THE USSR THROUGH CHINA TO NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE OBJECTED AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD ASSUME CONTROL AT THE USSR BORDER. AT THIS POINT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS INTERVENED AND SAID THAT IF THE USSR AND CHINA WERE GOING TO DISAGREE OVER THIS, THEN NORTH VIETNAM WOULD NOT CONTINUE THE WAR. THE AGREEMENT ATTAINED IS A COMPROMISE WHEREBY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES CONTROL AT THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER. [redacted] IN JANUARY THE SOVIETS PLANNED TO IMPORT FINNED MORTARS POSSIBLY 140MM WITH FIVE MILE RANGE WHICH ARE THE SAME TYPE WHICH WERE USED TO SHELL DANANG AIR BASE TWO MONTHS LATER.)

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6. [redacted] AN UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN PILOT, SHOT DOWN IN A 24 MAY RAID, WAS DISPLAYED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE 25 MAY AT 0500 HOURS. WHEN HE SHOWED SOME RELUCTANCE TO BOW TO THE PRESS THREE TIMES, HE WAS CUFFED ON THE HEAD BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIER UNTIL HE DID. [redacted] COMMENT. THIS TREATMENT RESEMBLED SOMEWHAT THE EXHIBITION OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RICHARD STRATTON [redacted]

7. [redacted] DISSEM. STATE USMACV [redacted] CINCPAC ARPAC PACAF PACFLT SEVENTH AIR FORCE.

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